

PROPOSED CHILTERN RAILWAYS (BICESTER TO OXFORD IMPROVEMENTS)

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**FURTHER REPORT ON HYDROLOGY AT WENDLEBURY MEADS
AND MANSMOOR CLOSES SSSI**

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Evidence has been submitted to the Inquiry in Andy Coates' Proof of Evidence (**CRCL/P/10/A**), paras 2.47 to 2.50 and in Appendix ASC4, relating to hardened access tracks, proposed by CRCL as accommodation works at Holts Farm, within and close to the Wendlebury Meads and Mansmoor Closes SSSI.
- 1.2 In spite of their evidence, Natural England maintains its objection to the construction of these tracks, in part because it considers there may be an adverse hydrological effect from these tracks on the SSSI. This is set out in Natural England's Position Statement (**OBJ/246/3**) at para 2.11.

2 Further Report on Hydrology

- 2.1 In order to seek to resolve this objection, CRCL commissioned its hydro-geological consultants, Wallingford Hydro Solutions, to undertake further desk studies and site visits to provide further expert opinion on this matter.
- 2.2 This report is now available and is being published as **CD/2.31**.
- 2.3 The conclusions of this report confirm and provide additional evidence that supports the view taken by CRCL that tracks in these locations 'will have no impact on the surface water and shallow groundwater of the SSSI' as set out in para 5.1, page 17.

3 Distribution of Hydrology Report

- 3.1 Copies of the report have been sent to Natural England, BBOWT and landowner objectors in the vicinity of Holts Farm.

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